

Manufacture of Toilet Soap by Big and Multinational Companies

1909. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Multinational companies and big industrialists which are manufacturing toilet soap in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to allot this item only to small scale sector and ban these big concerns to manufacture toilet soap;

(c) if so, when the final decision is likely to be taken; and

(d) if not, whether Government will consider this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) (i) M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd.

(ii) M/s. Asiatic Soap Company.

(iii) M/s. Tata Oil Mills.

(iv) M/s. Godrej Soaps.

(v) M/s Swastik Household and Industrial Products.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Manufacture of toilet soap requires specialised process equipment and technology, which is generally beyond the technical and financial capability of the small scale sector. Under present circumstances, therefore, it is not feasible to reserve the manufacture of toilet soap for the small scale sector.

बस्तर जिले में सिगरेट का कारखाना स्थापित करना

1910. श्री फूलचन्द वर्मा: क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार का विचार सर्वेक्षण कराने के बाद मध्य प्रदेश के बस्तर जिले में सिगरेट का कारखाना स्थापित करने का है?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चरणजीत चानना) : ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Names of Industries having Low Industrial Production

1911. SHRI P. K. KODYAN:

SHRI BHIKHU RAM JAIN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether industrial production was very low in 1979-80 as compared to the previous years;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) what are the industries the production of which has gone down considerably and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA). (a) Yes, Sir.

(i) The index of industrial production for April—February 1979-80 shows a decline of 0.8 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous year. The average annual rate of growth of industrial production from 1975-76 to 1978-79 was 6.9 per cent. The general index of industrial production increased by 7.2 per cent in 1975-76, 9.5 per cent in 1976-77, 3.3 per cent in 1977-78 and 7.6 per cent, in 1978-79.

(c) Of the 147 industries for which provisional production data are available for 1979-80, 24 industries registered a decline of more than 10 per cent. These are: cement machinery (-34.6 per cent); diesel engines (veh.) (-32.4 per cent); aluminium foils (-29.1 per cent), sugar (-26.2 per cent); malathion (-26.0 per cent); metallurgical machinery (incl. steel plant equipment) (-21.0 per cent); P.V.C. resins (-20.0 per cent); structurals (-18.6 per cent); zinc (-18.1 per cent); copper and brass sheets and circles (-18.0 per cent); cycle tyres (-17.4 per cent); polysty-

rene (-17.2 per cent); Vitamin 'A' (-13.5 per cent); paints and varnishes (-12.7 per cent); winding wires (-12.5 per cent); viscose staple fibre (-12.1 per cent); aluminium sheets and circles (-11.7 per cent); streptomycin (-11.6 per cent); auto rickshaws (-11.3 per cent); pencils (-11.3 per cent); sugar machinery (-10.3 per cent); aluminium (-10.2 per cent); seamless tubes (-10.2 per cent); and viscose tyre cord (-10.1 per cent).

Several factors were responsible for the decline in industrial production, the most important being shortage of power, paucity of certain critical raw materials, labour unrest and transport bottlenecks. The drought led to fall in production in agro-based industries such as sugar and tea.

Setting up Cement Projects in next Five Year Plan

1912 SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to set up new cement projects during the next Five Year Plan to meet the acute shortage of cement in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). A total capacity of 21.99 million tonnes is expected to materialize in both the Public and Private Sectors during the years 1980-81 to 1984-85. The details are follows:—

Years	Capacity in millions tonnes
1980-81	3.56
1981-82	3.13
1982-83	5.31
1983-84	4.05
1984-85	5.94
TOTAL	21.99

Employment in some States

1913. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in States like Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Bihar the rate of unemployment exceeds 8 per cent; and

(b) if so, what special attention is being paid to create more employment opportunities in these States rapidly?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TEWARI): (a) According to the latest available data for 1977-78, it is true that the rate of unemployment in these States exceeds 8 per cent.

(b) The schemes for the creation of new job opportunities will be examined in the context of the Five Year Plan 1980-85 which is currently under preparation.

Duncan Company entering into a deal for Manufacturing T.V. Sets

1914. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Duncan Company of Calcutta have entered into any deal with a small scale T.V. manufacturing company in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government intend to take to prevent infiltration of this large house in manufacturing of TV Sets?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). Government have no information on the matter.

(c) Does not arise.